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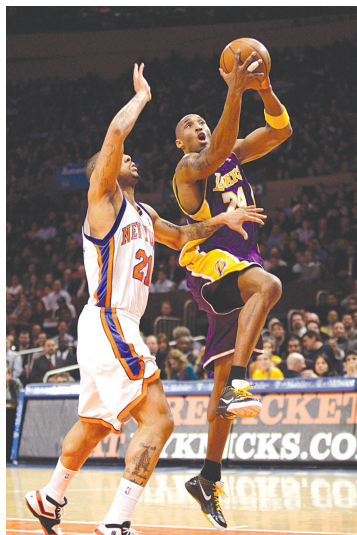


In this Feb. 2, 2009 file photo, former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle arrives for a closed session meeting on Capitol Hill in Washington. Daschle has withdrawn his nomination to be secretary of Health and Human Services.

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SPORTS NEWS

GARDEN PARTY



Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant (24) goes up for a layup as New York Knicks forward Wilson Chandler (21) defends in the first quarter of an NBA basketball game at Madison Square Garden in New York, Monday, Feb. 2, 2009. Bryant had 61 points in the game as the Lakers won 126-117.

See **Sports Today**

KLM Stops Service to Aruba



AMSTELVEEN – Airline KLM (Koninklijke Luchtvaart Maatschappij) will stop servicing Aruba completely as of the end of March this year. Martinair, a recently acquired subsidiary of KLM, will take over the service.

This was announced on Tuesday by the company, a part of the Airfrance-KLM alliance. According to KLM the profitability of the route had been under pressure and scrutiny for some

time. This was furthered by the implementation of a special “vliegtaks”, a surcharge for fuel and other costs. The spiralling economy was the final notice.

Passengers who had already booked a ticket, will be placed on other flights. Martinair, which is as of last December 100% under ownership of KLM, will adjust its schedule and capacity to Aruba. □

Since the first of February

Renaissance Curacao Resort & Casino has opened its doors Officially



Oranjestad - The Renaissance Curacao Resort & Casino is officially open! This week, the resort started receiving guests formally. For the past few days, guests were allowed to check in, but they were part

of the trial run.

For those that don't know it, Renaissance Curacao Resort & Casino was constructed and will be operated by MetaCorp Aruba.

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Don & Janet Miller and Jane Piekarski honored at the Radisson Resort & Casino



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home. Don & Janet Miller and Jane Piekarski were honored as Distinguished Visitors for the Island of Aruba after coming to the Island for 11

years. On picture Mr. Ricardo Croes together with Honorees and staff from the Radisson Resort & Casino. □

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At the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa

Copa Airlines Representatives Enjoy Breakfast at Laguna



PALM BEACH — Copa Airlines representatives as well as regional travel agents were the guests of Lily Polsbroek, senior sales manager at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa. Breakfast was co-hosted by the Ricardo Croes of the Aruba Tourism Authority. Copa Airlines from Panama City, Panama, offers scheduled service to Aruba four times a week on board its E190 aircraft. The flight opened the possibility for regional travel exchanges with important other cities in Latin America such as Costa Rica and Colombia. The dignitaries enjoyed buffet breakfast at Laguna Restaurant with Hiram Zievinger overseeing the flawless dining room service. □



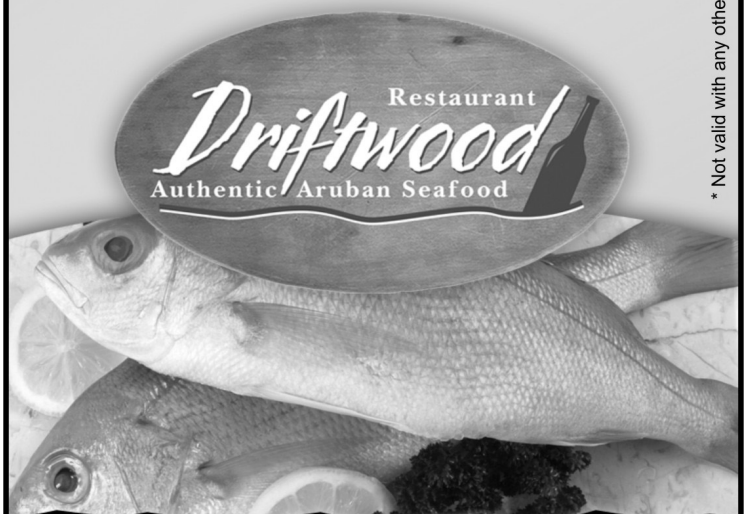
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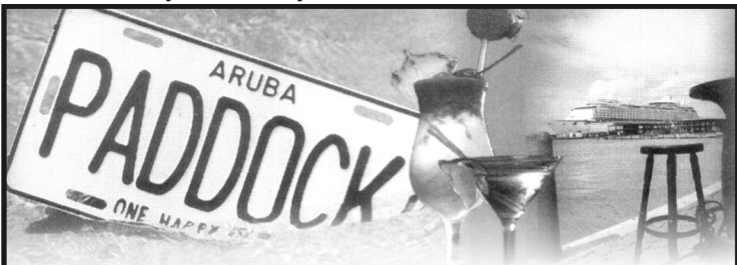
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Richard & Marlene Davis honored at the Caribbean Palm Village



NOORD - Recently at the Caribbean Palm Village, Aruba vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20 consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of goodwill title. The recent

honoring was effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Caribbean Palm Village which they call their home away from home. Richard & Marlene Davis were honored as Distinguished Visitors for the Island of Aruba after coming to the Island for 11 years

Pictured: Mr. Ricardo Croes together with Richard & Marlene and also Sadia Futa from the Caribbean Palm Village Resort. □



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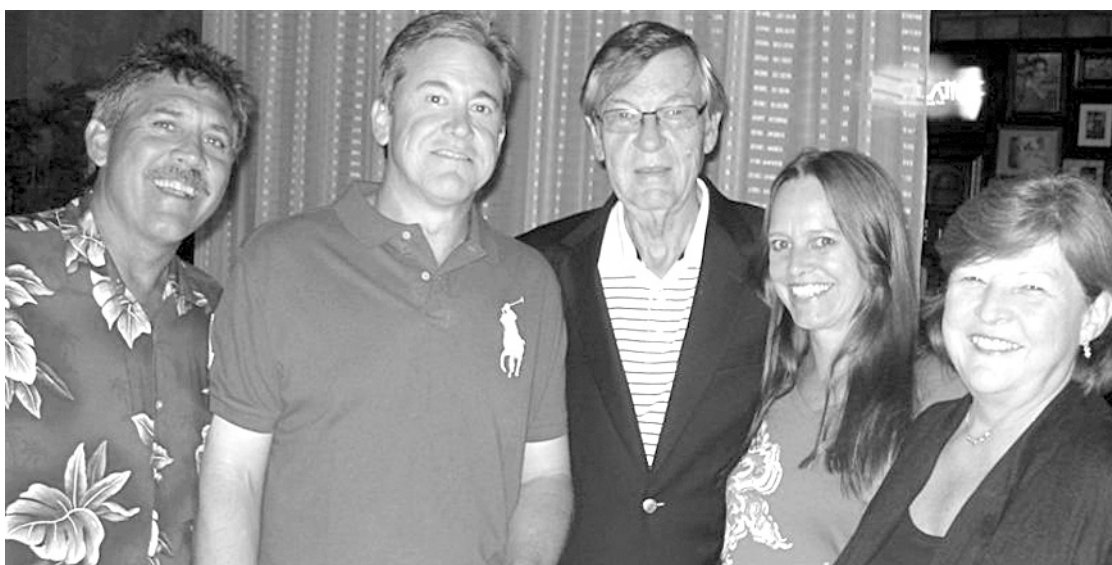
PALM BEACH - Starting the New Year with a newly opened restaurant worked perfectly for the International Friends of Aruba who “drank” in the atmosphere of Chino Latino, located in the Village across from the Radisson Hotel. The eclectic décor of wrought iron chandeliers and Chinese dragonheads was the ideal backdrop for the friends to catch up with each other on holiday happenings and plan for ‘09. The gracious and friendly staff at Chino



Latino enticed the group with a complementary sampling of bite size foods from the Asian/Latin menu. The array was so delicious, a number of guests stayed for dinner, while others stayed for an extended happy hour. IFA thanks the management and staff of Chino Latino for a wonderful evening and highly recommends this new hotspot (www.chinolatioaruba.com). The topic at Chino Latino was the Meet the Members Party. This annual event invites guests to have a closer

look at IFA in a private, yet social setting. Persons interested in membership in IFA are welcome to the Meet the Members Party on Saturday, February 7. The IFA Board will be available to answer questions about the organization. Existing members will also be on hand to share their thoughts about the group. International Friends of Aruba (www.ifaruba.com) is a non-profit, non-political, non-denominational organization

whose membership is open to individuals and families of all nationalities. Our mission is to advance international understanding, cultural exchanges and goodwill among our multi national members and to assist in achieving a better understanding of Aruba. For details, including the location, on the Meet the Members Party, please contact President Clare Barrow at ifamembership@hotmail.com.



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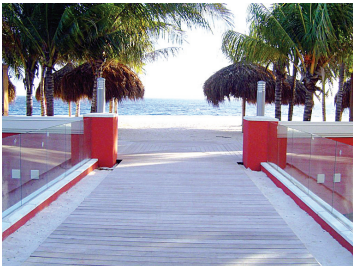


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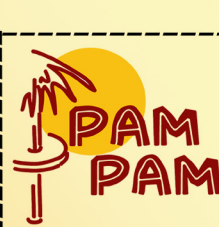
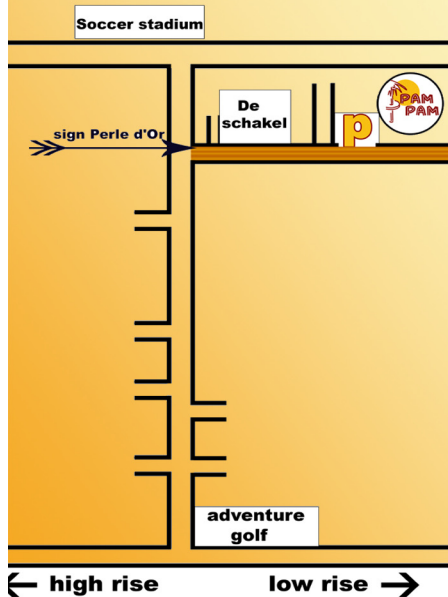
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Jewel's lullabies helped her through hard times



In this Jan. 7, 2009 file photo, Jewel arrives at the 35th Annual People's Choice Awards in Los Angeles.

(AP Photo/Chris Pizzello, file)

Sam Lutfi sues Britney Spears, parents

LOS ANGELES — Britney Spears' former manager and friend Osama "Sam" Lutfi has filed a lawsuit against the singer and her parents for libel and defamation.

Lutfi filed his claim Tuesday in Los Angeles Superior, just three days after a judge granted Spears' father a restraining order against Lutfi and paparazzo Adnan Ghalib. The lawsuit provides pages of Lutfi's version of events, including his claim that he urged the singer to reconcile with her parents. Spears' father, Jamie, now serves as her conservator after taking control of her life a year ago with a court's permission.

Lutfi's libel claim cites Lynne Spears' recent book, "Through the Storm," and says it is filled



In this Sept. 7, 2008 file photo, Britney Spears poses with her awards backstage at the 2008 MTV Video Music Awards in Los Angeles.

(AP Photo/Chris Pizzello, file)

with "false statements." An e-mail sent to Spears publicist seeking comment was not immediately returned Tuesday afternoon. □

By JEFF KAROUB,
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT — As a teenager, Jewel had her share of hard times, including a period of homelessness. To soothe herself, she wrote a song called "Raven" when she was 16.

That song, and another, "Angels Standing By," were written to help ease the stress she felt while living in her blue Volkswagen bus.

The songs are part of an upcoming collection of original lullabies she hopes to release this spring.

"I've been writing lullabies since the beginning," the 34-year-old singer-songwriter, who was born Jewel Kilcher, said in a recent phone interview.

"I kind of did it for myself

to help myself fall asleep when I really worried, like when I was homeless and I'd fall asleep in my car," she said. "I wrote the song 'Angels Standing By' ... to try and soothe myself — rock myself to sleep, basically — because I was so scared and stressed."

Jewel, whose last album, "Perfectly Clear," was country-influenced and co-produced with John Rich of Big & Rich, said the lullaby album will be spare and self-produced at her home studio.

She said working from the 2,000-acre ranch near Stephenville, Texas, that she shares with her husband, rodeo champion Ty Murray, was easy and convenient. But it also was liberating,

getting her back to why she makes music — "not having all these considerations that you think of, except what moves me."

The upcoming album also has been influenced by movies, specifically those like "Shrek" that can be enjoyed by both children and adults. "They sort of exist on two levels, and that's something I wanted this record to do," she said.

The songs also could be for her own children — one day. She said she and Murray want to start a family.

"I hope that my life ends up being my greatest work of art, not just my music."

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A GM sign sits in front of a long line of unsold 2009 Escalades at a Cadillac dealership in the southeast Denver suburb of Lone Tree, Colo., on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008. General Motors' U.S. vehicle sales plunged 49 percent in January while Ford's sales dropped 40 percent, starting 2009 at an abysmal pace for the auto whole industry as lower sales to fleet buyers like rental car companies weighed down the U.S. automakers' results.

(AP Photo/David Zalubowski)

By **KIMBERLY S. JOHNSON**
and **BREE FOWLER**,
AP Auto Writers

DETROIT — General Motors' U.S. vehicle sales plunged 49 percent in January while Ford's sales dropped 40 percent, starting 2009 at an abysmal pace for the whole auto industry as lower sales to fleet buyers like rental car companies weighed down the results.

Toyota's sales dove 32 percent

for the month, Nissan's dropped 30 percent and Honda's fell 28 percent, putting the overall industry on track for its fourth straight month in which U.S. sales plunged 30 percent or more.

But Subaru bucked the trend of declines for a second month in a row, posting an 8 percent sales increase, and Hyundai said its sales jumped 14 percent.

Hyundai credited its increase

to its offer to cover a new vehicle's depreciation if customers return a car within 12 months because they are unable to make the payments. "This program gets to the root cause of today's economic concerns — fear of job loss," Hyundai regional general manager Peter DiPersia said in a statement.

Chrysler is set to release its sales figures later Tuesday. The company's sales chief, Steven Landry, told reporters earlier at a meeting with dealers that U.S. industry sales could drop as much as 35 percent in January. The annualized sales rate for the month could drop below 10 million for the first time in more than 26 years, he said.

According to Ward's AutoInfoBank, the last month in which the seasonally adjusted annual sales rate dropped below 10 million was August 1982, when it hit 9.9 million as the nation was mired in a recession.

Domestic and foreign automakers have been struggling as unemployment rises, consumer confidence weakens and many people

have a tougher time getting loans. General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC have received \$13.4 billion in federal loans to stay afloat, and they hope to get more after they submit a viability plan to the government by Feb. 17. Ford Motor Co. has said it does not plan to use government aid.

GM said earlier this month it is planning its turnaround under the assumption the entire industry will sell 10.5 million new vehicles in the U.S. this year. Chrysler has said it's planning on 11.1 million units, and Ford last week reduced its forecast to a range between 11.5 million and 12.5 million. But few people were expecting the automakers to start 2009 at such a pace.

January is typically a slow sales month, and many automakers and analysts are expecting the market to rebound in the second half of the year as the economy and access to credit improves.

Detroit-based GM sold 128,198 light vehicles in January, while Ford's sales totaled 93,060. Toyota Motor Corp. sold 117,287 cars and

trucks.

The automakers have rolled out hefty incentive offers in recent months in an effort to boost sales. Edmunds.com estimated the average automaker incentive at \$2,714 per vehicle sold in January, down 5.2 percent from December but up 12.5 percent from January 2008.

Jesse Toprak, the auto Web site's executive director of industry analysis, attributed the year-over-year increase to a greater number of lingering 2008 model year vehicles. He noted that 27 percent of all new vehicles sold this January were from the 2008 model year, up from 12 percent a year ago.

Analysts had expected high-volume fleet sales to be down sharply in January, as consumers and businesses cut back on travel in the economic downturn and rental car companies hold onto their current cars longer.

Production cuts that have idled many U.S. factories for several weeks have compounded the problem. Many fleet customers get their deliveries right after cars roll off the assembly line, so when factories suspend production, those deliveries come to a halt.

GM said its fleet sales fell 80 percent to just over 13,000 vehicles in January, marking their lowest sales level since 1975. GM's retail sales fell 38 percent. □

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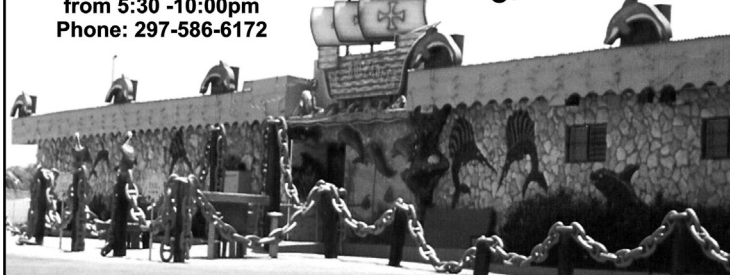
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My mother Nora's sister died twenty-five years ago of cervical cancer. Aunt Lila's death angered me at the time because Lila was involved in propagating regular pelvic examinations that could detect early stages of cancer in the cervix for the Public Health Department in Venezuela. Unlike most cancers, cervical cancer can be prevented and if caught early enough can be successfully treated.

A test developed more than 60 years ago by Dr. George Papanicolaou; the Pap smear is now a standard gynecological screening test during a pelvic exam. A Pap smear is a test that will collect cells from the cervix, the lower, end of the uterus. Laboratory analysis of the sample is used to look for abnormalities that might suggest the presence of cervical cancer or infection and inflammation. The American Cancer Society recommends that women have their first Pap smear three years after first having sexual relations, or at age 21 if they have not been sexually active. Professionally, I suggest these tests begin earlier since most young women are sexually active by age sixteen.

The cause of almost

all cases of cervical cancer is a virus that is sexually transmitted. Unfortunately, the Pap test may not find abnormal cells until cancer already has developed. Luckily there is a test you can have along with your Pap smear to detect the virus that causes those abnormal cells called the human Papillomavirus test (HPV test).

HPV virus has become an epidemic. In healthy individuals the body's immune system fights the HPV virus before it causes problems. When infected with the HPV virus, changes take place in the body's cells that may develop into cervical cancer if not detected and treated early. Human papilloma virus is the cause of 99.7 percent of all cases of cervical cancer. Worse, cancer that develops from HPV is not limited to the cervix and if the virus infiltrates the lymph gland system, the cancer-producing virus can travel to any part of the body. Predictably, a woman infected with HPV will contract cancer in her lifetime and will probably eventually die from cancer.

HPV infection is spread by direct skin-to-skin contact with infected body fluids during vaginal, oral, or anal sex. After exposure, warts may begin to appear within several weeks; or they may take months or even years to appear; or they never appear at all. HPV infected men or women who do not appear to have symptoms are as contagious as persons who have visible warts. However, not everyone who has been exposed to the virus will be infected.

Cancer has countless

Sex Cancer



By: Dr. Carlos Viana

secondary causes, but the basic cause, not enough oxygen in your cells. The HPV virus converts cells from using oxygen to an anaerobic, no oxygen metabolism. Viruses are anaerobic - they cannot exist in a healthy elevated oxygen environment, Influenza, Herpes, Warts, Measles, Canker (Cold) Sores and HPV are all anaerobic. They exist and grow with little or no oxygen present. Increase cellular oxygen levels and these anaerobic diseases cannot replicate and cannot exist. Lack of oxygen in the tissues, because of constant or chronic inflammation is the basic cause for all degenerative disease.

Lack of oxygen in the tissues is a result of a body that is too acidic and is under continuous stress. The wrong foods for your metabolic type, modern over-processed convenience foods, pesticides, toxic heavy metals, and lack of mineral water can all affect your immune system by making your body more acidic. At Viana Natural Healing Center

we evaluate health risks and recommend a personal health program to lessen inflammation and strengthen the immune system. This is important for preventative health, but instrumental in supporting the body under any type of stress.

Although there has been a lot of press coverage about HPV vaccine, this is not the answer. The vaccine, which has been responsible for several deaths worldwide, hopes to protect young women from four different types of HPV virus. So far medical researchers have identified eighteen different HPV types. This is false security.

Once sexually active, a regular pelvic examination with a Pap smear to screen for HPV is key to a sexually active woman's health. Instrumental for your vaginal and cervical health is to start and continue insisting that a condom be used every time you engage in sex. This not only helps protect from HPV, but healthier for both partners than all alternatives except total abstinence, which may be unrealistic for most of today's youth. Conditions such as vaginitis and yeast infection usually produce symptoms, while cervical dysplasia or cancers often do not. Gynecological examinations may be used to view the cervix or obtain biopsy tissue and freezing therapy may be used to remove abnormal cervical tissue, but nothing will cure you from the HPV virus.

Get The Point! The bad news is that too many women are still getting cervical cancer and are still dying. This, however, can change for the better if woman and men insist that their

sexual partners use condoms. We need to realize that a woman infected with HPV can give another woman, through sexual contact the virus and infected men, who usually do not show symptoms can infect countless women. To protect our health we need to learn more about the health consequences of sexual contact and realize that by being careful it does not mean that you trust your partner any less. Call for an appointment. Let us teach you how to keep cancer and other diseases out of your love life.

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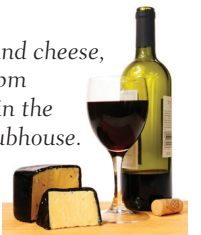


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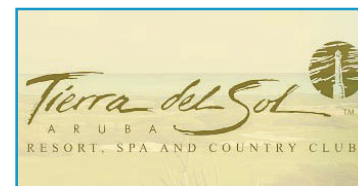
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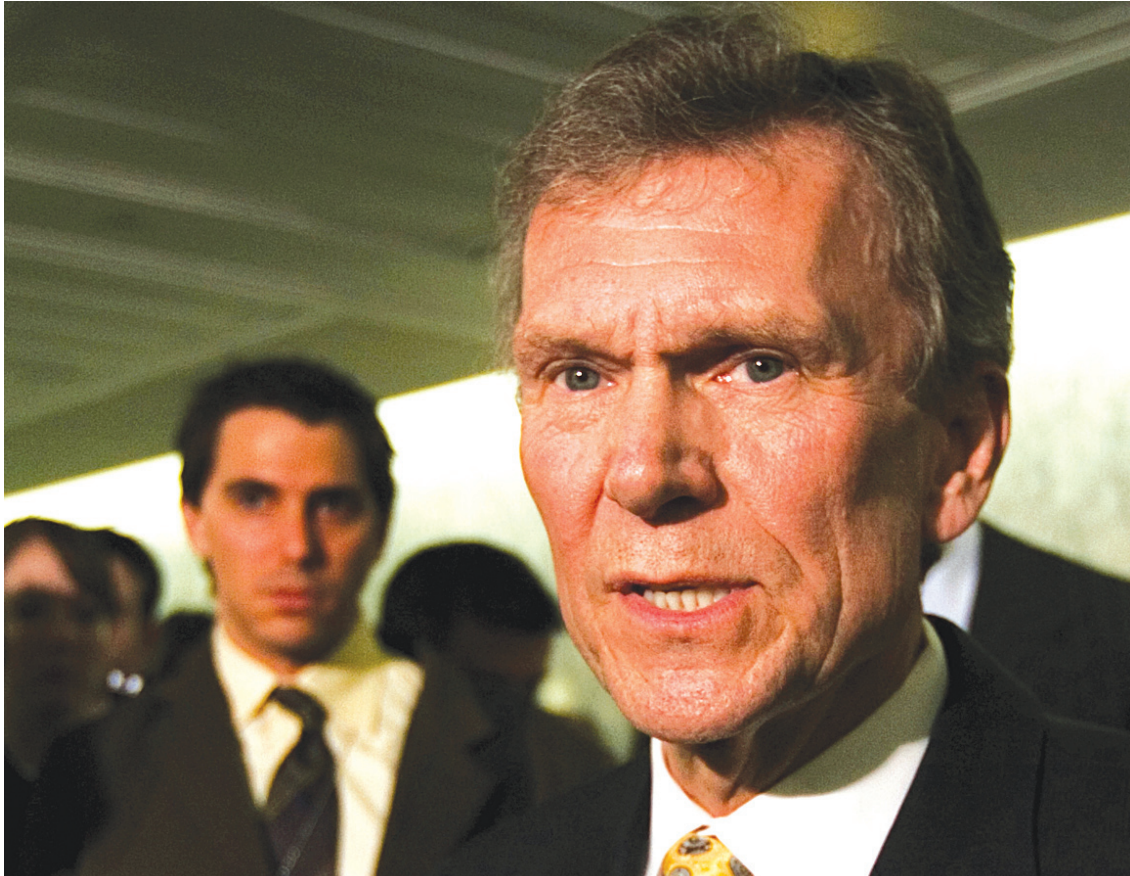


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In this Feb. 2, 2009 file photo, former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle speaks on Capitol Hill in Washington. Daschle has withdrawn his nomination to be secretary of Health and Human Services
Associated Press

Obama takes blame in Daschle, Killefer tax controversies

By STEVEN R. HURST
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - At the end of only his second full week in office, President Barack Obama's administration has slammed into Washington's unforgiving politics, as two key government nominees withdrew under a cloud of tax problems. The messy political developments threatened to blunt Obama's effort to take his economic message to the American people through a series of interviews with every national television network Tuesday. The president is trying to move a more than \$800 billion economic stimulus program through Congress, but has so far been unable to gain the bipartisan support he had hoped would define his presidency. The television appearances were seen as an effort to speak more directly to U.S. voters who are feeling the pain of the worst U.S.

economic decline in 80 years. But Tuesday's political developments served as a major distraction. Former Sen. Tom Daschle pulled out Tuesday as Obama's pick as Health and Human Services secretary, citing a growing chorus of criticism over his failure to fully pay taxes from 2005 through 2007. He has since paid more than \$140,000 including interest. Obama, normally the picture of calm and confidence, performed mea culpas in a series of TV interviews following Daschle's withdrawal. "I screwed up," Obama declared. "It's important for this administration to send a message that there aren't two sets of rules - you know, one for prominent people and one for ordinary folks who have to pay their taxes," Obama said in one of a series of interviews with TV anchors. "I'm frustrated with myself,

with our team. ... I'm here on television saying I screwed up," Obama said on NBC's "Nightly News with Brian Williams." He repeated virtually the same words in several other interviews. Daschle's departure was a deep blow to the White House because it not only cost Obama his services as a Cabinet secretary, but removed him from the second important role he was to play in shepherding the administration's hopes of overhauling the nation's health care system - one of Obama's top campaign pledges. News of the former Senate majority leader's withdrawal broke just hours after Nancy Killefer pulled her candidacy to be the first chief performance officer for the federal government, saying she didn't want her failure to submit payroll taxes for household help to be a distraction for the president.

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Fuller, co-founder of Habitat for Humanity, dies

By DORIE TURNER
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) - Millard Fuller, the millionaire entrepreneur who gave it all away to help found the Christian house-building charity Habitat for Humanity, died Tuesday. He was 74. Fuller died about 3 a.m. after being taken to the emergency room at Sumter Regional Hospital near his south Georgia home in Americus, his wife, Linda, said. An autopsy was planned to determine the cause of death. Linda Fuller, in a telephone interview, said her husband was complaining of chest pains, headache and difficulty swallowing. He died in an ambulance en route from the Americus hospital to one in nearby Albany, she said.

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In this Sept. 10, 2008 file photo, Habitat for Humanity International founder Millard Fuller speaks at the University of Arkansas Clinton School for Public Service in Little Rock, Ark. Fuller died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009, after visiting a hospital in Americus, Ga., according to his wife, Linda. He was 74.

Associated Press



This photo released by the Fars News Agency claims to show an Iranian satellite launching rocket named "Safir-2", translated in English as "Ambassador-2", carrying the satellite "Omid", or "Hope" in English, photographed at launch at an undisclosed location on Monday, Feb. 2, 2009.

Associated Press

Iran claims first launch of its own satellite

By NASSER KARIMI

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - Iran has launched its first domestically made satellite into orbit, the president said Tuesday, a step forward for a fledgling space program that has been watched with concern abroad. Like its nuclear program, Iran's space ambitions worry world powers because the same rocket technology used to carry satellites to orbit can also deliver warheads.

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Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction Stuart Bowen appears on Capitol Hill in Washington, Monday, Feb. 2, 2009, before the Wartime Contracting Commission hearing into his account of the Bush administration's blunders in post-war reconstruction efforts.

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OBAMA - DASCHLE *Continued from Page B1*

She had faced but subsequently settled a Washington city government tax lien of \$946.69 on her home.

A day after saying the nominee had his full support, despite the tax troubles,

Obama said he accepted Daschle's withdrawal.

"Tom made a mistake, which he has openly acknowledged," Obama said. "He has not excused it, nor do I. But that mistake and this decision cannot diminish the many contributions Tom has made to this country."

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs later insisted Killefer and Daschle decided on their own to withdraw. "I think they both recognized that you can't set an example of responsibility but accept a different standard in who serves," Gibbs told a White House briefing.

The climate around Obama's top nominees probably began changing when the Senate learned that Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner had failed to pay taxes on a portion of his income when he worked for the International Monetary Fund. Geithner's tax history was the first to raise red flags in the Senate. He had paid the taxes and won confirmation. But the stage had been set for greater Senate resistance as it became known that Daschle and Killefer had been caught up in similar problems.

The Obama White House has set itself for intense ethics scrutiny and was not backing down despite the reversals

suffered Tuesday over Daschle and Killefer.

In his daily briefing with reporters, Gibbs insisted Obama was determined to run a clean administration. "The bar that we set (on ethics) is the highest that any administration in the country has ever set," he said under intense questioning about the withdrawals.

Sandwiched between the withdrawals and the afternoon television interviews, Obama took the highly unusual step of nominating a third Republican to his Cabinet — Sen. Judd Gregg as commerce secretary.

Presidents rarely rely as heavily on figures from the opposition party to fill government slots. The other Republicans in the Obama Cabinet are Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood.

Obama used the Gregg announcement at the White House to warn against allowing the "same partisan gridlock" to bog down quick action on the stimulus initiative.

The new president campaigned for the presidency and took office promising to yank Washington out of decades of bitter bipartisanship but has struggled on the stimulus measure despite his unprecedented courting of opposition

Republicans even before he was inaugurated.

Republicans want to reshape his massive stimulus plan — budgeted at \$819 billion as it passed the House of Representatives and rising to nearly \$900 billion under debate in the Senate.

While issuing praise of the highly popular president's call for quick stimulus action, Republicans have been attacking their Democratic congressional colleagues for what they say is loading the measure down with pet projects and failing to provide larger tax cuts — the perennial Republican prescription for economic troubles.

Democratic leaders have pledged to have the bill ready for Obama's signature by mid-month. In his round of network television interviews Tuesday night, Obama underscored the urgency, saying he lies awake nights worrying about the economy.

Obama told CNN that even three months ago, most economists would not have predicted the economy was "in as bad of a situation as we are in right now." The president also signaled opposition to congressional attempts to insert "buy American" provisions into the legislation. He told Fox News, "we can't send a protectionist message." □

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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They planned to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in August with a 100-house worldwide “blitz build,” she said.

“We’ll probably go ahead with the ‘blitz build.’ Millard would not want people to mourn his death,” she said. “He would be more interested in having people put on a tool belt and build a house for people in need.”

One of Habitat’s highest-profile volunteers, former President Jimmy Carter, called Fuller “one of the most extraordinary people I have ever known.”

Fuller ran Habitat for Humanity with his wife for nearly three decades but lost control of the charity in a conflict with its board. When ousted in January 2005, he and his wife started The Fuller Center for Housing to raise money for Habitat affiliates. The ouster and a subsequent relocation of the nonprofit to Atlanta “cut the heart out of Habitat,” said longtime friend Morris Dees, co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center

in Montgomery, Alabama.

While studying law at the University of Alabama, Fuller formed a direct-marketing company with Dees selling cookbooks and candy to high school chapters of the Future Homemakers of America. That business made them millionaires before they were 30.

When Fuller’s capitalist drive threatened to kill his marriage, Fuller and his wife, who wed in college, sold everything to devote themselves to the Christian values they grew up with.

“I gave away about \$1 million,” Fuller said in a 2004 interview with The Associated Press. “I wasn’t a multimillionaire; I was a poor millionaire.”

The couple’s search for a mission led them to Koinonia, an interracial farming collective outside Americus. There, with Koinonia founder Clarence Jordan, the Fullers developed the concept of building no-interest housing for the poor — an idea that eventually grew into Habitat for Humanity.

Founded in 1976, Habitat’s first headquarters was a tiny gray frame house in Americus,



In this Friday, Nov. 19, 2004 file photo, Habitat for Humanity founder Millard Fuller poses at a home in Habitat’s Global Village in Americus, Ga. Fuller died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009, after visiting a hospital in Americus, Ga., according to his wife, Linda. He was 74.

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which doubled as Fuller’s law office. For the first 14 years, Fuller’s salary was just \$15,000; his wife worked 10 years for free.

Habitat grew to a worldwide network that has built more than 300,000 houses, providing shelter to more than 1.5 million people. Preaching the “theology of the hammer,” Fuller built an army

of volunteers that included former U.S. presidents, other world leaders and Hollywood celebrities.

Habitat home buyers are required to work on their own houses, investing what the Fullers called “sweat equity.” Fuller’s works won him numerous accolades, including a 1996 Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest

civilian honor. For nearly three decades, he was the public face of Habitat, traveling the world to hammer nails and press bricks from local clay alongside some of the Earth’s poorest.

In addition to his wife, Fuller is survived by four children. He is to be buried Wednesday and a memorial service will be held later in the month. □

Cherokees go to court over freedmen citizenship

By JUSTIN JUOZAPAVICIUS

Associated Press Writer

TULSA, Okla. — The Cherokee Nation wants a federal judge to decide whether descendants of the tribe’s former black slaves, known as freedmen, have a federal right to citizenship in the tribe.

In the five-page complaint filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Tulsa, the nation argues that because of the U.S. government’s modification of an 1866 treaty it had with the tribe, descendants of freedmen are not entitled to federal citizenship rights. It names several freedmen descendants and the U.S. Department of the Interior, among others, as defendants.

“We feel like it will help settle the issue of whether or not we broke the treaty,” said Mike Miller, spokesman for the Tahlequah-based tribe. “We feel confident we have not, and that’s why we’re willing to take that step.”

For decades, descendants of freed Cherokee slaves

fought to reclaim their citizenship, even though they were adopted into the tribe in 1866 under a treaty with the U.S. government. A tribal court order gives them citizenship for now while their case moves through the tribal court system.

Ralph Keen Jr., an attorney representing about 380 freedmen descendants, said the nation’s federal complaint wasn’t “supported by federal law or history.”

“To me, this is somewhat a repetition of the issues raised in the tribal court,” he said.

A ruling in 2006 by the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court held that the Cherokee constitution assured freedmen descendants of tribal citizenship.

That led to a petition drive for a ballot measure to determine who is a citizen of the nation, which claims more than 280,000 members.

In 2007, nearly 77 percent of Cherokee voters decided in a special election to amend the nation’s constitution to remove about 2,800 freedmen

descendants and other non-Indians from tribal rolls. Critics of the vote said then it was hardly a mandate because only a fraction of the nation’s tribal citizens — about 9,000 — cast ballots.

“After years of controversy, it is important to let the federal courts settle this issue,” Chad Smith, principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, said in a statement Tuesday.

“This filing today is the Cherokee Nation keeping its word, and letting the federal courts have a clear path to reaching a decision on the merits without compromising the nation’s sovereign immunity, and without the risk of setting procedural precedents that may affect other tribes.”

In 2007 the U.S. House voted to take away some of the Cherokees’ federal funding if they didn’t restore citizenship rights to freedmen, but the bill was later amended. The nation can continue to receive housing benefits as long as the tribal court order giving freedmen citizenship remains in place.



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Bill would require paid Confederate holiday in S.C.



Philip Davis, Robert Reames and Bill Anthony, members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, pause to pray at the Confederate Monument on the state Capitol grounds, Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, in Montgomery, Ala. About 30 people gathered at the Confederate Monument to remember Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee on a state holiday in his honor. Monday is also the national holiday honoring civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

By **JIM DAVENPORT**

Associated Press Writer

COLUMBIA, S.C. — A black state senator is pushing a bill that would require South Carolina cities and counties to give their workers a paid day off for Confederate Memorial Day or lose millions in state

funds.

Democratic Sen. Robert Ford's bill won initial approval from a Senate subcommittee Tuesday. It would force county and municipal governments to follow the schedule of holidays used by the state, which gives workers 12 paid days off, including May

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10 to honor Confederate war dead. Mississippi and Alabama also recognize Confederate Memorial Day.

Years ago, Ford said, he pushed a bill to make both that day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day paid holidays. He considered

it an effort to help people understand the history of both the civil rights movement and the Confederacy in a state where the Orders of Secession are engraved in marble in the Statehouse lobby, portraits of Confederate generals look down on legislators in their chambers and the Confederate flag flies outside.

"Every municipality and every citizen of South Carolina, should be, well, forced to respect these two days and learn what they can about those two particular parts of our history," Ford said Tuesday.

In a state steeped in a segregationist past, "there's no love in this state between black and white basically," he said. That's not apparent at the Statehouse, where black and white legislators get along, "but if you go out there in real South Carolina, it's hatred and I think we can bring our people together."

Lonnie Randolph, president of the state conference of NAACP branches, objected to that reasoning.

"Here Senator Ford is talking about the importance of race

relations by forcing recognition of people who did everything they could to destroy another race — particularly those that look like I do," Randolph said. "You can't make dishonor honorable. It's impossible."

Ron Dorgay, a Sons of Confederate Veterans member from Elgin, said race relations have moved far from hatred but he hopes Ford's bill brings more understanding of the state's past.

"Even in school systems, they don't teach the correct history," Dorgay said.

Local governments, meanwhile, are seeing green, not race, when it comes to adding holidays to their calendars.

Large and small counties would put up more cash to cover holidays they don't now recognize, largely for law enforcement and emergency worker overtime, municipal and county association lobbyists said. Only 10 of the state's 46 counties recognize Confederate Memorial Day and only 27 observe the more benign Presidents' Day.

Greenville County, one of the state's wealthiest and most populous counties, doesn't offer the Confederate holiday. The Judiciary Committee said the county would spend \$156,900 to add each holiday to its calendar. Much smaller Laurens County would spend \$37,080.

Ford dismissed the costs.

"The good outweighs any kind of rationale you can come up with," he said before the subcommittee sent the bill forward to the full Senate Judiciary Committee for debate, which won't happen until at least next week.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Glenn McConnell, R-Charleston, supports the bill — and holding back chunks of the more than \$300 million the state sends local governments each year. Counties and cities "should be respectful of that as political subdivisions of the state," said McConnell, a Civil War re-enactor who runs a Charleston Confederate wares gallery and on Tuesday fretted how new junk metal collection legislation might affect his cannon. "If they don't want to be a subdivision of the state, then don't take the money." □

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Hero pilot: Splash landing in Hudson River 'surreal'

NEW YORK (AP) - In his first public comments about what it was like to safely land a passenger jet in New York City's Hudson River, US Airways pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger described the ordeal as "surreal" and said the silence in the cockpit after both engines lost power was "shocking."

In a brief interview with ESPN the night before the Super Bowl - where he and the crew were given a standing ovation - Sullenberger said that while he was guiding the plane to a splash landing he felt "calm on the outside, turmoil on the inside."

The California pilot has been called a hero for safely landing the Airbus 320, which lost

power in both engines after striking a flock of birds shortly after taking off from New York's LaGuardia Airport. All 150 passengers and crew members were rescued safely. Asked what it was like when he realized both engines were out, Sullenberger called it "shocking."

"It was very quiet as we worked, my co-pilot and I. We were a team. But to have zero thrust coming out of those engines was shocking - the silence," he said.

His wife, Lori Sullenberger, said the two of them have been opening letters from well-wishers every night that are so emotional, "it allows both of us to express emotion about it all. We both sit there

and cry."

The couple are to appear in an interview to be broadcast Sunday on CBS's "60 Minutes."

In an account of the ordeal published in The Dallas Morning News on Friday, Susan O'Donnell, an American Airlines pilot who was a passenger on Flight 1549, said that as the plane approached the water, the passengers "remained calm and almost completely quiet."

She described the impact as much milder than she had anticipated. "If the jolt had been turbulence, I would have described it as moderate," she said.

O'Donnell praised Sullenberger's leadership,



Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, pilot of US Airways Flight 1549 that crashed into the Hudson River Jan. 15 in New York, gives a thumb up before the NFL Super Bowl XLIII football game between Arizona Cardinals and the Pittsburgh Steelers, Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009, in Tampa, Fla.

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saying he talked with passengers and crew after the landing and that he'd even remembered to take the aircraft logbook with him. She said Sullenberger asked her if she wanted to join the crew at the hotel, and that she

accepted, as she had lost her wallet.

"He immediately pulled out his wallet and gave me \$20. His concern for me when he had so much else to worry about was amazing," O'Donnell said. □

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Kyrgyzstan closing U.S. base key to Afghan conflict



Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, right, and Kyrgyz President Kurmanbek Bakiyev seen during a signing ceremony at the Kremlin in Moscow, Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009. Kyrgyzstan's president said Tuesday that his country is ending U.S. use of a key airbase that supports military operations in Afghanistan.

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By MIKE ECKEL president said Tuesday his
Associated Press Writer country is ending U.S. use
MOSCOW (AP) - Kyrgyzstan's of an air base key to military

operations in Afghanistan - a decision with potentially grave consequences for U.S. efforts to put down surging Taliban and al-Qaida violence.

A U.S. military official in Afghanistan called President Kurmanbek Bakiyev's statement "political positioning" and denied the U.S. presence at the Manas air base would end anytime soon.

The United States is preparing to deploy an additional 15,000 troops in Afghanistan and Manas is an important stopover for U.S. materiel and personnel.

Ending U.S. access would be a significant victory for Moscow in its efforts to squeeze the United States out of Central Asia, home to substantial oil and gas reserves and seen by Russia as part of its strategic sphere of influence.

Kyrgyz President Kurmanbek Bakiyev spoke on a visit to Moscow minutes after Russia announced it was providing the poor Central Asian nation with billions of dollars in aid.

Bakiyev said when the U.S. forces began using Manas after the September 2001 terrorist attacks, the expectation was that they would stay for two years at most.

"It should be said that during this time... we discussed not just once with our American partners the subject of economic compensation for the stationing (of US forces at the base)," he said on Russian state-run TV. "But unfortunately we have not found any understanding on the part of the United States.

"So literally just days ago, the Kyrgyz government made the decision on ending the term for the American base on the territory of Kyrgyzstan," he said.

Col. Greg Julian, the U.S. spokesman in Afghanistan, denied there was any change

in U.S. use of the base and he noted that Gen. David Petraeus, commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan and Iraq, just recently traveled there.

"I think it's political positioning. Gen. Petraeus was just there and he talked with them. We have a standing contract and they're making millions off our presence there. There are no plans to shut down access to it anytime soon," he told The Associated Press.

As recently as Jan. 19, Petraeus said he had received Kyrgyz assurances that Russia was not pushing for the base to close.

In Washington, Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morrell said: "I have seen nothing to suggest, other than press reports, that the Russians are attempting to undermine our use of that facility."

The United States set up Manas and a base in neighboring Uzbekistan after the September 2001 attacks to back operations in Afghanistan. Uzbekistan expelled U.S. troops from the base on its territory in 2005 in a dispute over human rights issues, leaving Manas as the only U.S. military facility in the immediate region.

Moscow, which fought a 10-year war in Afghanistan during the Soviet era, was initially supportive of U.S. efforts to keep Afghanistan from collapsing into new anarchy and stem the spread of militancy northward through ex-Soviet Central Asia. But as Kremlin suspicions about U.S. foreign policy have grown, so has Russian wariness about the U.S. presence in Central Asia. Russia also uses a military air base in the ex-Soviet nation. During his visit last month, Petraeus said that Manas would be key to plans to boost the U.S. troop presence in Afghanistan. He also said the United States currently pumps a total of

\$150 million into Kyrgyzstan's economy annually, including \$63 million in rent for Manas. About 1,200 U.S. troops are based at Manas.

Russia, however, agreed Tuesday to provide Kyrgyzstan with \$2 billion in loans plus another \$150 million in financial aid.

Kyrgyzstan is one of Central Asia's poorest countries and has been buffeted by political turmoil for years. Its economy has been strained to the limit this winter after neighboring Uzbekistan significantly raised prices for natural gas.


Most Kyrgyz have been supportive, or at least accepting, of the U.S. presence, though in 2007, widespread anger erupted after a U.S. serviceman at Manas shot and killed a Kyrgyz man during a security check. Kyrgyz investigators had asked the serviceman face criminal prosecution in their country.

Petraeus said during a trip to the region last month that the investigation will be reopened. Central Asia is key to U.S. efforts to secure an alternative supply line to forces in Afghanistan. The main route, through the Khyber Pass in Pakistan's northwest, has occasionally been closed in recent months due to rising attacks by bandits and Islamist militants, including one on Tuesday that destroyed a bridge.

During his visit, which included a stop in Kyrgyzstan, Petraeus said Washington had struck deals with Russia and several Central Asian states to allow the transshipment of supplies heading to Afghanistan.

NATO spokesman Eric Povel said the alliance could not comment because use of the base was an issue for the U.S. and Kyrgyzstan.

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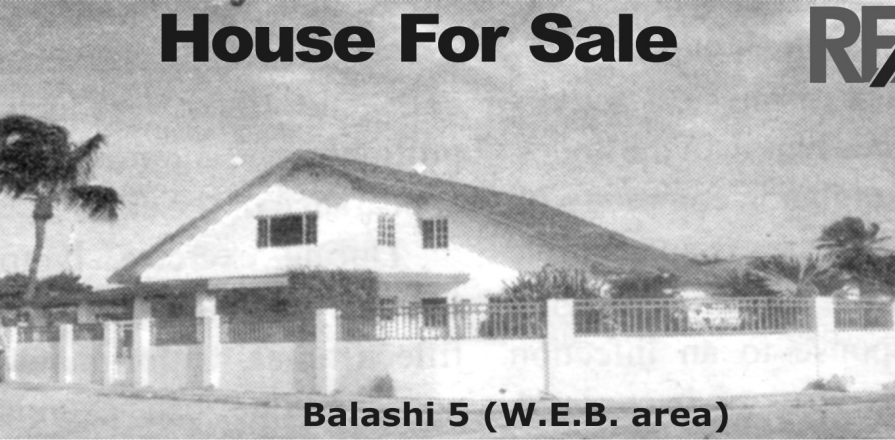
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For nearly a decade, Iran has expressed an intention to develop a national space program. As it seeks to expand its influence in the Middle East, Iran touts such technological successes as signs it can advance despite U.S. and U.N. sanctions against it over its nuclear program.

In a year in which hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad faces a tough election battle to stay in power, Monday night's satellite launch also gave him another symbol of national pride to hold up even as falling oil prices batter the economy and his popularity.

The telecommunications satellite, called Omid, or hope in Farsi, was launched late Monday after Ahmadinejad gave the order to proceed, according to a report on state radio. State television showed footage of what it said was the nighttime liftoff of the rocket carrying the satellite at an unidentified location in Iran.

The TV report praised the launch as part of festivities marking the 30th anniversary of the 1979 Islamic revolution that toppled the U.S.-backed shah and brought hard-line clerics to power.

The launch touched off concern among analysts and government officials in Europe, the U.S. and in the country's primary adversary, Israel, about possible links between its satellite programs and its work with missiles and nuclear technology.

"There's almost always a link between satellite programs like this and military programs and there's almost always a link between satellites and nuclear weapons. It's the same delivery vehicle," said James Lewis, an expert on defense technology at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

This photo released by the Fars News Agency claims to show an Iranian satellite launching rocket named 'Safir-2', translated in English as 'Ambassador-2', carrying the satellite 'Omid', or 'Hope' in English, left, photographed prior to launch at an undisclosed location on Monday, Feb. 2, 2009.

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chocolates of Taste of Belgium follow the latest trends and are always the height of fashion. The store is of course at its very best during Valentine's, Easter, Mother's Day and Christmas, but recently Halloween also has become a major highlight, with very funny and scary sweets. The elegant shop's

decorations are invariably stunning. The chocolaterie's small terrace is doing a booming business as a café and cappuccinos, lattes and frappes are served with delicious pastries, cakes or sandwiches. Seated in a comfortable chair one can witness formerly drooping shoppers continue their quest revived and full of energy after a spell at Taste of Belgium



TASTE OF BELGIUM

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SPORTS

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NBA Roundup

Bryant lights up MSG, Knicks with record 61 points



NEW YORK (AP) - Kobe Bryant broke the Madison Square Garden record with 61 points as the Los Angeles Lakers looked potent without Andrew Bynum in a 126-117 victory over the New York Knicks on Monday. Bryant passed Michael Jordan's opponent record of 55 points at the present building, known as "Garden IV," when he hit three free throws with 3:56 remaining, then bettered Bernard King's mark of 60, set on Christmas Day 1984, with two more foul shots with 2:33 to play. Pau Gasol added 31 points and 14 rebounds in the Lakers'

first game since losing Bynum, their starting center, for eight to 12 weeks with a torn medial collateral ligament in his right knee. Al Harrington scored 24 points, David Lee had 22 points and 12 rebounds, and reserve Wilson Chandler added 20 points for the Knicks, who had won three straight and six of seven. At New Orleans, LaMarcus Aldridge scored 22 points, as Portland overcame a 17-point deficit - after New Orleans guard Chris Paul was injured - for its fifth straight victory. Paul left the game late in the third quarter with a strained

right groin, the first action he has missed all season. He had 12 points and 13 assists. The Hornets led 72-55 when Paul left the game. Portland then outscored New Orleans 26-7 during the next seven minutes, with Jerryd Bayless scoring 13 of his 19 points during the decisive surge. David West scored 25 points for the Hornets and Peja Stojakovic 18, but after Paul left the game, the Hornets were 5-of-21 from the field (24 percent) with only two assists and five turnovers. Mavericks 105, Magic 95. At Orlando, Florida, Dirk Nowitzki had 29 points and six rebounds and Jason Terry had 23 points as Dallas beat Orlando for its third straight win. Josh Howard and Jason Kidd added 13 apiece for the Mavericks, who held Orlando to 3-for-20 shooting from 3-point range. Dwight Howard had 35 points and 11 rebounds, and Hedo Turkoglu scored 18 as the Magic ended their three-game winning streak. But that wasn't the worst news of the night for Orlando. At Washington, rookie O.J. Mayo matched his career high with 33 points to lead Memphis past Washington for its first win in nearly a month. Rudy Gay scored 23 and Marc Gasol added 22 points and 11 rebounds for Memphis, which ended a 12-game losing streak - the team's longest since dropping 13 in a row to start the 2002-03 season. The Grizzlies

had not won since beating Dallas 102-82 Jan. 4. Antawn Jamison had 29 points and 13 rebounds and Caron Butler scored 21 for Washington, which failed to record its second two-game winning streak of the season. At Miami, Dwyane Wade had 32 points and nine assists, and Michael Beasley added 18 points as Miami beat the Los Angeles Clippers to snap a two-game losing skid. Mario Chalmers scored 15 points, Udonis Haslem added 13 and Shawn Marion - in his first game back after missing five straight with a strained left groin - finished with 11 points and seven rebounds for the Heat, who improved to 15-3 when scoring more than 100 points this season. Zach Randolph, back after missing 19 games with a sore left knee, scored 21 points for the Clippers, who've lost six straight and 20 of 22. Marcus Camby and Eric Gordon each added 12 for the Clippers, who had beaten Miami by a single point in each of their last two meetings. At Phoenix, Jason Richardson scored 16 of his 24 points in the first quarter, and Amare Stoudemire finished with 25 points and eight rebounds as the rejuvenated Suns ended a three-game home losing skid with their most lopsided victory of the season. Grant Hill added 14 points and seven rebounds for the Suns,

Leandro Barbosa scored 11 points, Shaquille O'Neal had 10 points and nine rebounds, and Steve Nash had nine points and nine assists. John Salmons led the Kings with 19 points, Kevin Martin scored 13, Jason Thompson 12 and Francisco Garcia 10. At Salt Lake City, Ronnie Brewer scored 14 of his 21 points in the second half and the injury-riddled Utah rallied from a sluggish start to beat Charlotte. Mehmet Okur scored 22 despite being in foul trouble most of the night. Paul Millsap scored 14 and Ronnie Price added 12 points in place of Deron Williams, the latest Utah player to be sidelined with an injury. Williams was out with a contusion above his right knee, joining forwards Andrei Kirilenko (ankle) and Carlos Boozer (knee) on the inactive list. Raymond Felton had 16 points and nine assists to lead the Bobcats, who lost their third straight and went 1-4 on a five-game road trip. They also had 24 turnovers, leading to 32 points for the Jazz. **In other NBA games Monday, it was: Dallas 105, Orlando 95; Memphis 113, Washington 97; Miami 119, the Los Angeles Clippers 95; Portland 97, New Orleans 89; Phoenix 129, Sacramento 81; Utah 105, Charlotte 86; and San Antonio 110, Golden State 105 in overtime.**

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Steelers' fans gather downtown to celebrate title

By RAMIT PLUSHNICK-MASTI and DAN NEPHIN

Associated Press Writers

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Thousands of Pittsburgh Steelers fans lined downtown streets on Tuesday for the parade celebrating the team's victory over the Arizona Cardinals in the Super Bowl.

Fans of all ages came from across Pennsylvania state, and country, and one youngster even brought along a replica Vince Lombardi Trophy made with tin foil. In buildings along the parade route, office workers cheered through open windows. Dozens of people packed the floors of a parking garage to get a better view and some shelter from snow showers and temperatures in the 20s F.

"It's history in the making," said Chad McGown, 31, who staked out his place on the parade route hours earlier.

Even the police got into the spirit, waving their own Terrible Towels from atop horses as they led the parade. Coach Mike Tomlin followed behind in the back of a red convertible, while players holding their personal video cameras cheered and waved from the back of trucks. Pittsburgh won a record sixth



Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward, center, and linebacker Larry Foote, right, cheer with the crowd at a rally after their Super Bowl victory parade in Pittsburgh, Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009. At left is head coach Mike Tomlin. The Steelers beat the Arizona Cardinals 27-23 to win football's Super Bowl in Tampa, Fla. on Sunday.

Super Bowl with an exciting 27-23 win on Sunday.

Tomlin couldn't stop smiling as he was greeted on stage at the end of the parade route with thunderous applause.

"What do you say to this?"

Tomlin asked the massive crowd. "Steeler Nation, you leave us all speechless, man, we just appreciate the love. How about the Steelers? How about the greatest fans in the world? How about number six? Thank

you, we love you guys." Steelers owner Dan Rooney thanked the city for its support over the years - and said there was more history to be made. "Stay with us," Rooney said. "Maybe we'll get the seventh

next year."

Steelers linebacker James Harrison, whose 100-yard interception return for a touchdown was the longest in Super Bowl history, presented the Lombardi Trophy to the crowd.

About the same time, huge booms of colorful fireworks were exploded over downtown's Point State Park, at the confluence of the iconic three rivers.

City officials prepared for as many as 250,000 fans, an estimate based on the number of fans at the 2006 parade celebrating the team's previous Super Bowl victory. Many fans showed up hours before Tuesday's parade, including a handful of hardy souls who were camped out on the route before dawn.

The city council voted to symbolically change the city's name to Sixburgh for the day, as the Steelers are the first team to win six Super Bowls.

Down the street in front of the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, a dinosaur statue held a Super Bowl trophy in one hand and had red feathers protruding from its mouth, what was left from its "Cardinal snacks." □

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NHL Roundup

Hossa gives Red Wings 4-3 shootout win over Blues

DETROIT (AP) - Marian Hossa had the game-winner in a shootout after scoring twice in regulation, lifting the Detroit Red Wings to a 4-3 victory over the St. Louis Blues and ending a season-high five-game losing streak. Barret Jackman scored midway through the third period to extend the game after rookies T.J. Oshie and Patrik Berglund scored tying goals in the second for the Blues. Detroit's Kirk Maltby scored early in the second and Hossa had two goals later in the period for the defending Stanley Cup champions. Chris Osgood made 31 saves.

St. Louis' Chris Mason had to stop just 13 shots in regulation and overtime after replacing Manny Legace early in the

second period. Legace gave up three goals on just eight shots.

Detroit failed to keep three leads in regulation, but made up for it in the shootout when Jiri Hudler and Hossa scored and Osgood turned away David Perron's final attempt for the Blues.

Avalanche 4, Flames 3

At Denver, Marek Svatos scored twice and Peter Budaj stopped 36 shots as Colorado edged Calgary to end a four-game slide.

Milan Hejduk and Ruslan Salei also scored for the Avalanche, who are 2-5 during a season-high eight-game homestand. It was the first multigoal game of the season for Svatos, who also had an assist. Ryan Smyth and Tyler Arnason each added

two assists.

Rene Bourque, Adrian Aucoin and Jarome Iginla scored for the Flames, whose three-game winning streak ended.

The Avalanche improved to 17-0-0 when taking a lead into the third period as Budaj preserved the win with numerous stops, including turning back two straight slap shots by Dion Phaneuf late in the game.

Ducks 3, Sabres 2

At Anaheim, California, Chris Kunitz and Corey Perry scored third-period goals as Anaheim held off Buffalo.

Kunitz scored on a power play early in the period and Perry gave the Ducks a two-goal lead on another man-advantage midway through the third. Chris Pronger also



Detroit Red Wings Marian Hossa (81) of Slovakia, celebrates his shootout goal with teammates against the St. Louis Blues during an NHL hockey game in Detroit, Monday, Feb. 2, 2009. Detroit won 4-3 in a shootout.

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scored for Anaheim. Buffalo pulled within one when defenseman Craig Rivet scored with 6:33 remaining, but Anaheim's defense and goalie Jonas Hiller shut the Sabres out the rest of the way. Hiller, making his fourth consecutive start in place of Jean-Sebastien Giguere, had 21 saves to win for the third time in that stretch. He's also

started six of the past seven and is 4-2 in those games. □



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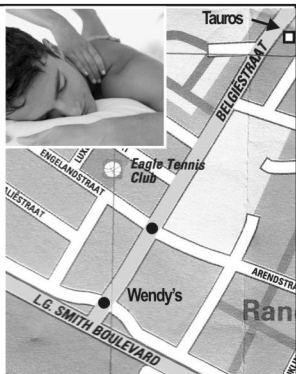
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Guerrillas de las FARC liberan a ex gobernador en selvas de Colombia

VILLAVICENCIO, Colombia (Reuters) - Las FARC liberaron el martes en la selva de Colombia al ex gobernador Alan Jara, en el continuación de un proceso unilateral de entrega de rehenes con el que la guerrilla busca facilitar un acuerdo de intercambio de secuestrados por rebeldes.

El político, de 51 años, quien estuvo secuestrado durante más de siete años y fue entregado a una misión humanitaria, formaba parte de un grupo de rehenes que las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC) buscan intercambiar por 500 rebeldes presos.

Es el quinto rehén que liberan desde el domingo las FARC, que ofrecieron también entregar a la misión humanitaria esta misma semana a otro político secuestrado.

“En la zona rural del departamento del Guaviare las FARC-EP entregó a la senadora Piedad Córdoba y a delegados del Comité Internacional de la Cruz Roja (CICR) al ex gobernador del Meta doctor Alan Jara”, dijo un comunicado del organismo humanitario.

Jara fue entregado en un lugar de la selva del sur del país a una misión humanitaria liderada por Córdoba y que contó con el apoyo logístico de Brasil, después de que se superó un inconveniente que surgió con la liberación de cuatro efectivos de las Fuerzas Armadas el domingo.

Sonriendo, con una gorra oscura y cargando en la espalda un morral con sus pertenencias, incluyendo una olla, el político se fundió en un emotivo abrazo con su esposa Claudia Rugeles y su hijo Alan Felipe segundos después de que el helicóptero brasileño aterrizó en el aeropuerto de Villavicencio.

“Tengo dos problemas de salud, pero de resto estamos bien”, dijo el ex gobernador en sus primeras declaraciones a la prensa luego de caminar algunos metros en compañía de sus familiares.

“Saludo de esperanza, hoy ha habido un milagro, tendrán que haber más milagros”, aseguró refiriéndose a los demás rehenes de las FARC, mientras estrechaba la mano de sus amigos y recibía flores. Para la liberación de Jara las

Fuerzas Armadas suspendieron sus operaciones en una extensa zona selvática, incluyendo los sobrevuelos de aeronaves militares.

SECUESTRO EN CARRO DE LA ONU

Con la liberación unilateral, las FARC buscan ganar espacio político e imagen internacional después de los golpes recibidos de parte de las fuerzas de seguridad, que incluyeron las muertes de importantes líderes, el rescate de la política Ingrid Betancourt y la desertión de miles de combatientes, según analistas.

El político fue secuestrado en julio del 2001 cuando en un vehículo de Naciones Unidas (ONU) regresaba a Villavicencio después de asistir a la inauguración de un puente.

De acuerdo con testimonios de efectivos de las Fuerzas Armadas y de políticos liberados en los últimos meses, Jara dedicó la mayor parte del tiempo a enseñar inglés a otros rehenes con los que compartía el cautiverio.

Para las próximas horas se

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